

REMARKS

Claims 47, 242, 315, 371, 382, 383, 386, 391, 396, 397 and 400 have been amended and claims 44-46 have been cancelled. Upon entry of this amendment claims 1, 2, 5-43, 47-64, 96-100, 218-233, 235-325 and 327-404 will be pending in the application.

Applicant notes that the amendments to claims 242, 315, 371, 382, 383, 386, 391, 396 and 397 are to correct the introduction of typographical errors in Amendment D, filed August 26, 2004, wherein "N-(phosphonomethyl)iminodiacetic acid" was inadvertently replaced with "-(phosphonomethyl)iminodiacetic acid."

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants acknowledge the allowance of claims 1, 2, 5-43, 52-64, 96-100, 218-233, 235-325 and 327-399.

The indication of allowable subject matter in dependent claims 47-51 is also acknowledged.

Claims 44-46

Claims 44-46 have been cancelled and allowable dependent claim 47 rewritten in independent form. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of cancelled claims 44-46 and all previously cancelled claims in a continuing application.

Claim 47 as amended is submitted as patentable over the disclosure in U.S. Patent No. 3,950,402 (Franz).

Claims 400-404

Applicants understand that the rejection of dependent claims 400-404 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 3,950,402 (Franz) in further view of U.S. Patent No. 5,543,383 (Parker et al.) is made only to the extent that claim 400 depends from rejected independent claim 44. In light of the cancellation of claim 44, and amendment of claims 47 and 400, applicants respectfully submit that claims 400-404 are now in condition for allowance.

Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement

* Applicants enclose a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement herewith. Applicants submit that the claims pending in the application are patentable over these additional references.

Conclusion

In view of the above, favorable reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims are respectfully solicited.

Applicants request an extension of time to and including May 9, 2005 for filing a response to the above-mentioned Office action. A check in payment of the applicable extension * fee is enclosed.

The Commissioner is requested to charge any fee deficiency or overpayment in connection with this amendment to Deposit Account 19-1345.

Respectfully submitted,



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